

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been carefully considered in light of the Final Office Action of July 23, 2010.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 7, and 10-12 remain in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 12 are currently amended. Claims 13-21 have been added to dependent from independent claims 1, 10 and 12.

The Examiner is rejecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Droese (US Patent 6,612,204) stating Droese contains all of the elements of the Applicant's claimed invention.

Droese discloses a method of fabricating a blade for a knife in which a laser treatment is performed on a piece (1), (figures 1-3) to define a curve contour (2) which corresponds to the ultimate cutting edge. The process of producing this curve contour creates a concave area (Figs 4-7).

The process of Droese is directed to a "melting of base material", namely the blade, and use of an additive material. Respectfully, this is unlike the Applicant's claimed invention which has been amended to include that the powder of the make-up material is a combination of "at least two elements connected together". This allows for a uniform composition at all points

along the bead or strip deposited on the free edge.

Likewise the claims of the application have been amended to more clearly claim the subject matter of the Applicant's invention with specific attention directed to step 'c'. Step 'c' has been amended to include "...the bead or strip melt instantaneously with blade body to form an intimate bond...." As was explained in the previous response, Droese does not contain or suggest "powder projection and melting with the help of a laser onto a free edge of the blade so as to form a bead or strip, **but** rather a projection of material onto a curved contour in a concave shape with the cutting of the blade edge from the piece (1) after projection of material."

It is respectfully stated that in light of the differences as outlined in the argument above and the amendments to the claims, Droese does not anticipate the Applicant's claimed invention. Therefore, removal of the rejection is requested.

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An earnest effort has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, which action is requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the allowability of the claims, it is requested that an interview be granted with Applicant's representative prior to taking any action that may be considered as final. Any fees necessitated by the filing of this response may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

Respectively Submitted;

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